



City of Gaithersburg Press Release

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Prost! Gaithersburg's Oktoberfest Returns October 13

28th Annual Fall Festival features German Food & Music, Local Beer and Wine, and Four Stages of Entertainment

Gaithersburg, MD (September 23, 2019) Dust off your dirndl, grab your lederhosen and get ready to Prost! The City of Gaithersburg presents the 28th annual celebration of Oktoberfest on Sunday, October 13, 2019, from noon to 5 p.m. The festival takes place in and around the Arts Barn, Kentlands Mansion and Kentlands Village Green and along Main Street and Market Square. Admission and parking are free. Free wheelchair accessible shuttle service will run regularly during festival hours to and from satellite parking at 101 Orchard Ridge Drive, just off of Quince Orchard Road.

Experience a taste of Germany right in your own backyard with performances by the ever-popular Alte Kameraden German Band and Alt-Washingtonia Bavarian Dancers. Savor traditional festival food while enjoying selections from Dogfish Head and other local microbreweries or sipping Maryland varietal wines.

Fall festivities include professional pumpkin carving and apple cider pressing demonstrations, free horse-drawn wagon rides, hands-on crafts, pumpkin and face painting, balloon twisting, bubbles, artists and crafters, family activities, and strolling entertainers. Enjoy four stages of live entertainment featuring variety bands and community groups, stroll through the business expo, and explore restaurants and retail establishments within the Kentlands. Please note some activities have a nominal fee.

In addition to the lively events taking place throughout the festival grounds, there are also some special activities taking place indoors at the Arts Barn. In conjunction with the Gaithersburg Fine Arts Association and the Gaithersburg Artist Collective, the Arts Barn presents the third annual [Plein Aire Paint Out](#) for those 12 and older. Works are painted outdoors during the festival, then exhibited at the Arts Barn towards the end of the day. Registration is required. The Arts Barn is also hosting [Okto-BOO-Fest](#), with scavenger hunts, a costume contest, monster puppet making, and more throughout the afternoon.

Oktoberfest is hosted in partnership with Dogfish Head Alehouse. It is sponsored in part by BMW of Rockville.

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